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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 474 LEHMAN-Collet Papers

½ box. 16 folders. 173 items. 1839-1944. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Lehman (1812-1889), a native of Alsace, Germany, settled in Bowling Green, Kentucky as a young man. Throughout his life he was active in many commercial pursuits, both as an individual and in partnership with others. He conducted confectionery and winery businesses, built and operated Bowling Green's Portage Railroad, was part owner of the city's first gas works, helped establish the first waterworks, owned several steamboats that plied the Barren River, invested in and leased real estate, and built an estimated one hundred houses in the city.

Lehman never married, and when he died in 1889 his nephew, George A. Collet, became executor of his estate. Collet also pursued a wide variety of business activities, including real estate, and in 1915 contributed land for the establishment of a street abutting the Warren County Fairgrounds. The street was named Lehman Avenue in honor of his uncle.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains primarily business and legal papers of George Lehman, including papers relating to his estate. Some papers of Lehman's nephew and executor, George A. Collet, his wife Josephine, and other Collet family members are also included. The materials relate primarily to land transactions, accounts, business arrangements, and legal actions.

Letters to George Lehman (Folder 2) include one from a nephew in Nashville discussing the sale of his interest in a house, and a Washington, D.C. lawyer's letter, written after Lehman's death, requesting authority to pursue a claim he had filed against the U.S. government for property taken by the Army during the Civil War. Lehman's business papers include a survey, deeds and contracts relating to his land dealings (Folder 3); deeds and contracts entered into by the firm of Lehman and Grafulla, including a partnership agreement to supply cross ties to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad (Folder 4); correspondence and court documents relating to Lehman's debt suit against Joseph W. Calvert (Folder 5); legal documents relating to the affairs of Thomas C. Calvert, a bankrupt, with whom Lehman had a business partnership (Folder 6); papers relating to Lehman's business dealings with Joseph I. Younglove, including a partnership

agreement respecting a vineyard and a related court document (Folder 7); miscellaneous accounts, notes, receipts and papers of Lehman, including a receipt for the use of shotguns by the provisional Confederate government of Kentucky (Folder 8), and a contract and minutes relating to the construction of the Bowling Green Portage Railroad (Folder 9); and deeds and surveys relating to land transactions between Lehman and the Moore family of Bowling Green (Folder 10). Materials documenting the settlement of Lehman's estate (Folder 11), of which George A. Collet was executor, include accounts, property inventories, and correspondence relating to Lehman's Civil War claim; of interest is the detailed claim for fees of Lehman's attorney, H. T. Clark, which attests to the breadth and complexity of Lehman's business affairs.

The papers of George A. Collet include deeds, surveys and other documents relating to land, including a plat of the "Collet Addition" in Bowling Green, Kentucky (Folder 12); accounts, notes and receipts (Folder 13); and cancelled checks (Folder 14). Papers of Collet's wife Josephine (Folder 15) include documents relating to land (deeds, title opinion, option agreement), a stock certificate, and a letter of thanks from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. for her offer to send him an old periodical to which he had contributed. Miscellaneous Collet family papers (Folder 16) include stock certificates, a resolution of regret on the death of George's son Frank W. Collet, draft cards of George A. Collet, Jr., and a sketch of the "Collet Addition."

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